

P&G Case 9365Q

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
Uwe Schneider et al. : Confirmation No.
Serial No. 10/665,949 : Group Art Unit
Filed September 18, 2003 : Examiner

For Edge Fold Having Substantially Uniform Gathers For Absorbent Article And Method For Making

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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3. **37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4)** - (use when filing IDS prior to receipt of first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114)

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5. **Information to be Considered with Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Filing (use when filing IDS with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for Design Case)**. This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

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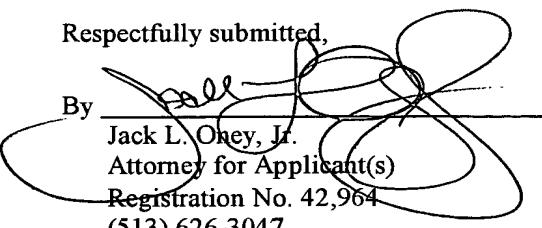
(4) Copies of all said documents, except Cite Numbers _____, were submitted and considered in parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____, filed _____. Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Copies of references not previously submitted are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

(5) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

(6) Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the co-pending applications listed on the attached page.

Additional information is attached.

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